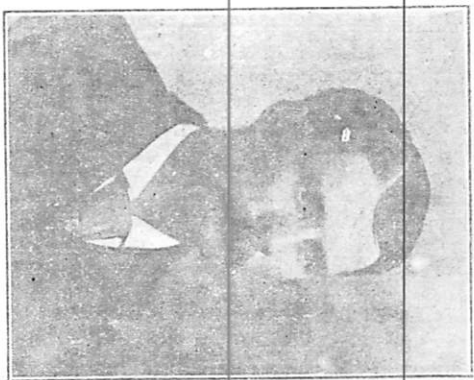


MURDOCK, John Molen, High Coun-  
 cilor in Beaver Stake, is one of Utah's  
 native sons, having reached this  
 sphere at Lehi, Utah county, Sept.  
 24, 1852, where also he was bap-  
 tized into the Church September 23,  
 1860. His father's name is Orrie  
 Clapp Murdock and his mother's  
 maiden name was Margaret Ann  
 Molen. Brother John has received the  
 following ordinations to the Priest-  
 hood: Elder, Jan. 12, 1881, by  
 William Fawcett; High Priest, Janu-  
 ary 5, 1902, by Abraham O. Woodruff.  
 He has also held the following eccle-  
 siastical positions: President of El-  
 ders' quorum about three years; High  
 Councillor, one year; Bishop of Beaver  
 Ward, two years; then to the High  
 Council again. He was twice mar-  
 ried, in 1877 and 1884, and is the  
 father of seven children, five living.  
 In the civil department Brother Mur-  
 dock has been a city councilman for

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four years, county assessor and col-  
 lector, and chairman of the board of  
 county commissioners for three  
 years, his term expiring next year.  
 He has had some stirring experi-  
 ences in the missionary field. While  
 holding forth in Kansas, a mob came  
 with a rope to hang him and his  
 associates, but eventually changed  
 their minds and gave the Elders time  
 to leave; on another occasion the  
 meeting was broken up and eggs  
 were thrown at them. Elder Mur-

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dock's chief occupations are stock  
 raising and farming.